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On Exhibit

The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Collection continues on exhibition through September 25. Eighteen oil paintings from the 1940s depict scenes from tobacco harvesting and selling are on display. Exhibition booklets with information about the artists are available to visitors.

The Homestead Postcard Club Exhibit:
Native American Scenes



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Honoring Mary Sue Terry

Please join us for a barbeque dinner on **Thursday evening, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.** in the main hall of the Continuing Education Center to honor Mary Sue Terry. Our own Patrick County native has been recognized by the Library of Virginia as one of the 2009 recipients of Virginia's Women in History who has made important contributions to our state, nation, and the world. During the dinner several individuals will speak on behalf of Mary Sue and her many accomplishments, including Barbara Batson, Exhibitions Coordinator for the Library of Virginia. The exhibition spotlighting the eight women who have received the 2009 designation will be on display during the dinner reception.

Born in Martinsville, Mary Sue received her undergraduate degree from Westhampton College and a master's degree and law degree from the University of Virginia. She was a visiting professor at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond from 1995 until 2001. She began her service to the Commonwealth of Virginia serving for four years as an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Patrick County as well as practicing law. From 1978-1985, she represented the counties of Patrick, Henry, and Pittsylvania and the city of Martinsville in the Virginia House of Delegates supporting legislation that established the concept of

equitable distribution of marital property in divorce cases and sponsored tougher penalties for drunk drivers. In 1985 Terry became the first woman elected to statewide office in Virginia and the second woman to serve as a state attorney general in the US. As attorney general, she success-



2009 Virginia Women in History Honoree Mary Sue Terry

fully proposed legislation to reform insurance rates; to strengthen laws related to drunken driving, drug abuse, and family violence; and to rewrite laws on waste management and clean water.

Ms. Terry was nominated by Doreen Pauley's eleventh grade advanced history class at Sherando High School in Stephens City, and by D'Anna Gibson, an eighth grader at the Gereau Center for Applied Technology and Career Exploration in Rocky Mount.

The other women privileged to receive the 2009 award include: Mary Randolph (1762-1828), a

writer from Chesterfield County and Richmond who wrote the Virginia House-Wife (1824), the first American regional cookbook; Caroline Bradby Cook, (born ca. 1839) a resident of the Pamunkey Indian Reservation of King William County, who served as a river pilot for the troops during the Civil War; Virginia Estelle Randolph (1874-1958), a child of slaves completed her education to become a teacher in Henrico County; Pauline Adams (1874-1957), a formidable woman suffrage activist from Norfolk; Drew Gilpin Faust (1947-), historian and the current president of Harvard University who grew up in Clarke County; Joann Hess Grayson (1948-), a psychologist and advocate for abused children from Harrisonburg; and Claudia Emerson, a notable poet from Fredericksburg who serves as a faculty member at the University of Mary Washington.

The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person and proceeds will be used to purchase and install archival document cases for the Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry Library in the continuing education center. Nannie Ruth, Mary Sue's mother, was instrumental in working with Nancy Susan Reynolds to establish the Reynolds Homestead as a Historic Landmark.

Contact Michele at mfairc5@vt.edu or by calling (276) 694-7181, x21 no later than September 25 to reserve a seat.

LEARNING-DISCOVERY-ENGAGEMENT

A Message from Director Kay Dunkley

Thank you for your support of our August 2nd exhibition opening to pay tribute to the donation from the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The crowd of 180 people who attended took pleasure in viewing the beautiful artwork that illustrates the cultural and economic history of tobacco farming in America. What an honor for the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to give the artwork to the Virginia Tech Continuing Education Center in Critz-R.J.'s boyhood home and the place of one of the true pioneers of the tobacco industry!

I am reminded of the many people throughout the years who have connected with the tobacco company and with descendants of the Reynolds family. One important connection was that of Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry who was instrumental in working with Nancy Susan Reynolds to establish the Reynolds Homestead as a Historic Landmark. We salute Nannie Ruth for her dedicated leadership to restore the home and establish the Homestead as an entity. And now, the university, citizens in the community, and the staff of

the Reynolds Homestead are reaping the benefits of Nannie Ruth's vision.

As we honor Mary Sue Terry on October 1st for being selected as one of the 2009 "Virginia Women in History," we also remember the contributions of Nannie Ruth. Come and join us for dinner on October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go toward purchasing archival materials and displays for the Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry Library. Call Michele at (276) 694-7181, x21 no later than September 25th to reserve a seat.

'Round the Mountain Carpooling Available for 9/10

"Innovative Enterprises: A Workshop in Creative Commerce," sponsored by 'Round the Mountain will be held in Floyd at the Jacksonville Center for the Arts on **September 10 at 6:30 p.m.** The program includes refreshments and time for networking.

Lisa Martin will be attending and taking the Homestead van. Anyone who would like to attend the workshop and carpool with her should call the Homestead at (276) 694-7181 ext. 22. She'll be happy to give you a lift!

The Reynolds Homestead is a

member of 'Round the Mountain and also this year became an official site on the Artisan Trail.

Any interested artisans are welcome to attend. Arrangements will be made for pickup. Lisa has already reserved seats for 7 people.

Dinner and a Movie Night: Guest Chef Keith Pamplin



Plan to attend **Dinner & A Movie Night** on **Thursday, September 17**. The featured film is "Martian Child" from 2007 starring John Cusack. The film addresses the nature of parenting with Cusack playing David Gordon, a science fiction writer grieving after the death of his wife. He meets Dennis, a foster child who claims to be here on Earth on a mission from Mars: he stays in a large box all day, fears sunlight, and wears a belt of flashlight batteries so he won't float away. As David contemplates adopting this strange child, he has to figure out how to help him be "normal," whatever that means. This is a wonderful story of

a man becoming a father...and a boy becoming a son.

The guest chef for the evening's dinner will be **Keith Pamplin**, former executive chef at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Dinner will be mango chicken, vegetables, salad and dessert. Dinner is **\$10** per person and reservations are required. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free. Food donations for the Patrick County Food Bank are appreciated.

Architectural Workshop for Public and Volunteers

Volunteer Luncheon and Workshop: "Interpreting the Reynolds Homestead"

Anne Beckett, an architectural historian from Roanoke, will present the results of her research and study of the historic Rock Spring Plantation and her "Historic Recommendations Report" at the Volunteer Luncheon and Workshop on **September 23 from 12:00 noon to 3 p.m.** The workshop is also open to the general public.

Beckett spent a few days this past spring assessing the state of the historic property, and issued her "Historic Recommendations Report" in June. The report consists of a historical overview of the property and the Reynolds family, physical descriptions of the house and the outbuildings, and recommendations for repairs

and maintenance of the house and surrounding property.

Beckett graduated from Mary Washington College with a degree in Historic Preservation and has worked in the



What is unusual about the windows in the historic home? Was there originally a balcony above the front porch? Come learn the answers to these questions and more at the architectural workshop.

preservation field for 23 years. She moved to Roanoke 13 years ago to work as an architectural historian with the Roanoke Regional Preservation Office, a field office of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. While she

worked for the Roanoke Regional Preservation Office, she assisted communities with historic preservation concerns throughout Southwest Virginia. She has also worked as a

Roanoke City Planner and Agent to the Architectural Review Board. She is now self-employed, and her work is contracted through Hill Studios in Roanoke. She is also a board member of the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation.

Beckett's workshop will include a presentation as well as a hands-on look at the property. **Bring a**

covered dish and be prepared to learn more about the Reynolds Homestead. This would

be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer interpreter to get more information. If you are interested in the volunteer interpreter program, contact Beth Ford at elford2@vt.edu.



Lew Woodall

Jazz on the Lawn: The Lew Woodall Quartet

This year's **Jazz on the Lawn** will feature the **Lew Woodall Quartet** on Sunday, **September 20** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Lew Woodall is a Virginia native who has been playing jazz guitar for over forty years. He brings with him Hod O'Brien, internationally celebrated jazz pianist, drummer Joel Lubliner and bassist Tom Harbeck, with

whom his 2009 CD entitled "Simply Cooking II, Second Time Around" was recorded.

Lew Woodall was born in Bassett and grew up in Patrick County. He has played with many different musical groups including Top Forty groups, blues, and beach music groups. He has recorded three CDs in addition to his newest album:

"Simply Cooking," "Texas Trip," and "Kiss You Mama."

Enjoy an afternoon on the lawn of the beautiful Rock Spring Plantation with this excellent jazz quartet. Wine and other beverages will be available for purchase. Bring a picnic, a blanket or a comfortable lawn chair and relax with some cool jazz! Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 History Around Us: Noon	3	4	5 Quilters 2:00
6	7 Labor Day Holiday CEC Closed	8 Great Books II 6:30	9 Postcard Club 7:00	10	11 Cake Decorating Class 6-9 p.m.	12 Cake Decorating Class 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
13	14 Teen Advisory Board 4:00 Photo Club 6:30	15	16	17 Dinner/Move 6:00/7:00	18	19
20 Weavers 2:00 Jazz on the Lawn 3:00	21 Decorative Painters 9:30 Rural Music Coalition 6:30	22	23 Volunteer Workshop: Anne Beckett 12:00 to 3:00	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Upcoming Classes

September 11-12—Friday-Saturday—“Play with Your Food: CAKE!” with Lora Mahaffey. Join Food Network Champion Lora Mahaffey for beginner level decorating instruction. Learn the joys of cake decorating! From properly frosting a cake to making fondant decorations, explore the fun world of cake decorating. Learn new skills such as using a pastry bag, piping borders, writing with royal icing and making flowers and doodads with fondant. Students need to bring an apron, a lazy Susan, a rolling pin and something to transport the cake in. All other materials will be supplied. Bring a bag lunch on Saturday. Class is limited to 10 participants. \$65 / \$30 deposit.

October 3—Saturday—Beginning Quilting Class: “Create a Christmas Table Runner.” Quilting is a time honored tradition that can be fun for everyone, for those who want to learn it as a craft, to those who want to make quilts. This class is designed to teach the basics of quilting, with each student completing a Christmas project during this 4-part class. Instructor Sallie McCauley will provide all materials for the first day of class to teach basic piecing skills. The class then will be given a shopping list for materials needed for to complete the table runner project. Sewing machines will be provided. Bring basic sewing supplies to class.

Continues on October 10, 17 and 31. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. \$50 / \$25 deposit.

October 5—Monday—Creative Writing Class: “Imagine Your Life: A Fictional Approach to Memoir” with Beth Almond Ford. Here is the class to write the tales from your life – with the blessings of imagination and the opportunity to turn one’s own experiences into fiction. The old saying goes, “All memoir is fiction, all fiction is memoir.” With the encouragement of instructor Beth Almond Ford, students will take the tales of their pasts and bring alive those recollections. Participants will put their memories on paper as they remember them – or as they imagine them – or as they wished them to be. Come prepared to write, though no previous experience is necessary. The class will experiment with writing styles and students will be encouraged to share with each other. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Class continues on consecutive Mondays: October 12, 19, and 26. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$40 / \$20 deposit.

October 13-15—Tuesday-Thursday—“Fall Watercolor Workshop” with Jim McIntosh. This workshop is designed to stimulate the artist at whatever stage you find yourself. It will allow each person to explore the fun and excitement of painting with watercolors. Learn to produce strong and colorful paintings with an economy of strokes, and to paint quickly and energetically, focusing on the

“idea” of the painting. Class will begin with information on materials, such as brushes, paper, and paint and its application. It will then follow with an introduction to design, the importance of value, texture, edges, symbols, and washes. Fun for every artist. Registration required. Materials list provided upon registration. Bring a bag lunch. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. \$30 per day or \$80 for the entire class. \$15 per day deposit.

October 17—Saturday—“Nature Photography Workshop.” Certified Professional Photographer Ricky Dawson will host this four-hour nature photography workshop. Learn how to control light by using a handheld reflector to remove harsh shadows from areas. Ricky will demonstrate both purchased and homemade reflectors, showing how effects differ with the use of each. He will also teach how to use a handheld flash to add light and contrast to the subject. Enjoy the beautiful setting of the Reynolds Homestead in autumn and learn the tricks to achieving beautiful natural photographs. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$35 / \$15 deposit

To Register for any class or workshop, please call the Homestead at 276-694-7181.